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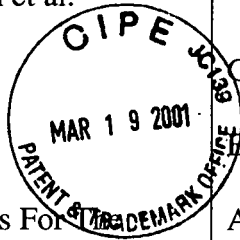
# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kozam et al.

Application No. 09/423,378

Filed: May 12, 1998

For: Method and Apparatus For  
Centralized Collection Of Geographically  
Distributed Data



Group Art Unit: 2777

Examiner: Jack Choules

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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as indicated below.

### In the Claims:

Kindly add claim 26 as follows:

10 26. The method according to claim 1, wherein the user can customize the database fields and format.

Kindly add claim 27 as follows:

24 27. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the user has access to worldwide real-time clinical trial data.

Kindly add claim 28 as follows:

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